

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. Only the claims amended by the Amendment are listed below and are indicated as such.

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- 5 1. (Amended) A storage area network management and configuration system, comprising:
- an enterprise network including a plurality of computer systems, wherein some of the plurality of computer systems include a server component, some of the plurality of computer systems include a client component, or both the client component and the server component;
- 10 a storage enclosure being connected to a computer system having at least the server component, the storage enclosure having a RAID array of disks; and
- a graphical user interface provided by the client component, the graphical user interface provides a graphical representation and icon links to configuration tools for selecting and structurally defining the RAID array of disks of the storage enclosure, the
- 15 structurally defining including a capability for graphically assigning a RAID level.

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- 20 3. (Amended) A storage area network management and configuration system, comprising:
- an enterprise network including a plurality of computer systems, wherein some of the plurality of computer systems include a server component, some of the plurality of computer systems include a client component, or both the client component and the server component;

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a storage enclosure being connected to a computer system having at least the server component;

5 a graphical user interface provided by the client component, the graphical user interface provides a graphical representation and icon links to configuration tools for selecting and structurally defining the storage enclosure, the graphical representation and icon links to configuration tools further includes, an array builder link, the array builder link when selected provides selection tabs to allow array building from an array template or from scratch, the selection tabs being further configured to allow a level assignment for array building.

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18. (Amended) A storage area network system, comprising:

a server computer system being connected to an enterprise network;

a storage enclosure being connected to the server computer system;

15 a client computer system having a graphical user interface control for enabling a user to remotely select and structurally define drives of the storage enclosure, the drives of the storage enclosure being an array of drives, the graphical user interface being configured to enable the user to remotely assign a level to the array of drives.

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21. (Amended) A storage area network system, comprising:

a server computer system being connected to an enterprise network;

a storage enclosure being connected to the server computer system;

a client computer system having a graphical user interface control for enabling a user to remotely select and structurally define an array of drives of the storage enclosure,

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wherein select and structurally define the array of drives includes assign a level to the array of drives;

wherein the graphical user interface control includes one or more of an array modifier icon link, an enterprise monitor icon link, an array builder icon link, an event
5 notifier icon link, an unconfigured hardware icon link, a templates icon link, and an enterprise icon link.

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for her assistance during the prosecution of this case. An
10 RCE is being filed along with this Amendment. Claims 1-18 and 20-21 remain pending after entry of the present amendment. On December 2, 2002, the undersigned conducted a telephone conference with Examiner Mylinh T. Tran.

In the telephone conference, the Applicants presented proposed amendments to the independent claims to further clarify the graphical user interface elements of the invention.
15 Specifically, the Applicants pointed out that the cited art of record fails to teach or disclose graphical user interfaces (in combination with the other claimed elements) that enable the "selecting and structural defining" of an array of disks. In one embodiment, the array can be a RAID array, as defined in claim 1.

Also, discussion was had with regard to the ability to set an array "level" for an
20 implementation. As previously noted, none of the cited references, when taken as a whole, teach or suggest the combined functionality now defined in amended independent claims 1, 3, 18, and 21.

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